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MUNITION FACTORIES

1. Small arms munition factories exist at TEGLAS, VESZPREM, JOBBAGYI, SIROK, CSEPEL, SZEKESFEHERVAR and ISASZEG.
2. Prior to 1945, the total production for side-arms and machine pistols was 250 million rounds per annum. The capacity for infantry side-arms now amounts to 770 million rounds per annum, and for machine pistols to 570 million rounds per annum.
3. The rounds are packed in metal sheets for overseas transport.
4. Three automatic machine pistols were sent from Czechoslovakia for series production in Hungary. These machine pistols were stolen by the Russians from the VESZPREM munition factory in 1945.
5. There is a Trinitrotoluol factory at FELNEMET, North of EGER.

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H U N G A R YMilitary/IndustrialExplosives Plant near MISKOLC

1. An explosives factory is situated near MISKOLC, about 7 to 8 km. from MISKOLC. It lies in the forest some 5 km. east of the railway line from MISKOLC to OZD. The plant is known as BARBONYI VASGYAR (BARBONY Iron Factory). This is a cover name allotted for security reasons.

2. This factory produces explosives for missiles, but no ammunition filling takes place here. The raw materials are in powder or crystalline form [redacted] "It looked like salt"), and is yellow and grey. During the production process highly corrosive fumes are produced. The final product is in solid form. During processing the fumes often cause accidental explosions. There have been many fatal accidents.

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3. The finished products are sent by rail in wooden packing cases.

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[redacted] in cyrillic on these cases and [redacted] they are destined for the U.S.S.R.

4. Access to the plant is by a branch railway which leaves the main line at SAJOECSEG, and continues for 5 km. to the terminus of BARBONY, 2 km. beyond the village of SAJOBABY. This line was under construction from 1950 to 1953.

5. In 1952 2,000 to 3,000 workers were employed on production and approximately the same number on constructional work. Production began in 1952. There are both Russian and Hungarian directors.

[redacted] A "very big" laboratory exists on the site but no details are available.

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Metallurgical Works, Csepel

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This works made steel strip coated on both faces with "Tombak" (95% copper, 5% zinc) for the cases and bullet envelopes of small arms ammunition. The coating on each face was 5% of the total thickness of the rolled strip. The rolling shop supplied 100 to 300 tons of this strip a month to another shop in the Csepel works, where cups were pressed. These cups then went to the Vadasztoltengyar (Sporting Cartridge Factory) at Szekesfehervar.

Vadasztoltengyar, Szekesfehervar

[redacted] the "Tombak" coated steel strip made at the Csepel Metallurgical Works went there and [redacted] it made military type small arms ammunition.

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[redacted] the small arms ammunition made was for Soviet-type weapons.

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Rezhengermu, Budapest

[redacted] a factory called Rezhengermu [redacted] is located on Parkany Utca (Street) in Budapest. [redacted] it was making only non-ferrous metal strip and wire.

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[redacted] the factory had become an important producer of cups for small arms ammunition cartridge cases. It carries out all operations, from casting to the pressing of the cups from the rolled strip.

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"Lenin" Steelworks, Miskolc

This works was formerly called Mavag.

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In the forge

there was a 1,000 ton hydraulic press, the largest in Hungary; also smaller presses, including one of 1,000 tons. [redacted] in the forge

[redacted] saw some gun barrel forgings, which appeared to be longer than those that would have been used for the guns [redacted] at the Nehezszerkezeggyar in the same town. These barrels were stepped, that is to say the diameter increased in steps from one end of the barrel to the other. [redacted] the barrels were also heat treated at the "Lenin" works, and [redacted] were then supplied to the gun factory in Miskolc.

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"Dinavag", Miskolc

The western and smaller part of the plant [redacted]

[redacted] is now called "Dinavag".

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[redacted] this is an abbreviation.

It is now quite separate from the steelworks "Lenin" [redacted]

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[redacted] the factory

was producing machine tools - large lathes capable of turning work having a diameter of 500 mm.; also vertical lathes - presses up to 35 tons capacity for stamping small parts and wire drawing machines.

Ammunition Filling Factory, Sajobabony

[redacted] there was, at Sajobabony, north of Miskolc, an ammunition factory.

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